

C. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraph 0027 with the following new Paragraph 0027, as follows:

[0027] Another feature of the present invention is a novel artwork retaining means that holds the artwork in place while assembling the frame assembly 10 and during use of the frame assembly 10. As shown in FIG. 2, the artwork retaining means is comprised of at least one elastic member 72. Preferably, the artwork retaining means is comprised of two elastic members 72 in parallel orientation with each other. Preferably, the elastic members 72 are attached to the backing member 30, and are stretched across the artwork display surface 32 of the backing member 30. In the preferred embodiment, the display surface 32 further includes a groove 74 in the surface 32 that runs under each elastic member 72. The groove 74 acts to retain the elastic members in the desired orientation across the display surface 32. The groove 74 may further include a raised portion 75, preferably in the longitudinal center of the groove 74, which allows a user to easily grasp and lift the elastic member 72 from the surface 32, rather than having to pick the elastic member 72 from within the groove 74. Preferably, the elastic members 72 and grooves 74 are spaced sufficiently far apart so as to be hidden from view by matting 42 or by the frame member 20 when the frame assembly 10 is fully assembled. Other artwork retaining means include, but are not limited to tack sheets, tack spray, release tape, and other non-permanent adhesive means.